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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Commandant, Marine Corps

**SUBJECT:** Comments on CIA Special Estimate No. 29, 18 June 1952

**REFERENCE:** Memorandum From Commandant of the Marine Corps to the Director of Central Intelligence, Dated 18 August 1952, Subject As Above

1. Your comments requesting paragraph 2 of Special Estimate No. 29 are greatly appreciated.

2. I have requested the Office of National Estimates to secure a re-estimate by the Military Services on that paragraph in the light of your comments, since the conclusions expressed therein were based upon Service contributions. In so doing, I shall inform them of your offer to make one of your Staff Officers available for consultation.

3. I, myself, as you know, am not without experience in planning and conducting large scale amphibious operations, but I did not attempt to interject my personal ideas on a matter regarding which the views of the Military Services appeared to coincide. My own opinion, however, is that it would take a little longer than the estimate indicates.

*Note: 18 Aug. Memo (only Cy in the Agency)  
CIA TS #029846, Cy 1, forwarded, on  
3 Sept., to AD/NE. avl*

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